

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/011657

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ H01L21/3065

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl⁷ H01L21/3065, H01L21/205, H05H1/46

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	JP 2002-075961 A (Toshiba Corp.), 15 March, 2002 (15.03.02), Par. Nos. [0022] to [0029]; Fig. 2 (Family: none)	1 4,8-10
X Y	JP 09-045495 A (ULVAC Japan Ltd.), 14 February, 1997 (14.02.97), Par. Nos. [0012] to [0027]; Fig. 1 (Family: none)	1,6 4,8-10
X Y	JP 10-298787 A (Shibaura Engineering Works Co., Ltd.), 10 November, 1998 (10.11.98), Par. Nos. [0022] to [0047]; Fig. 1 (Family: none)	3,7 4,8-10

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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X	JP 2001-115267 A (Canon Inc.), 24 April, 2001 (24.04.01), Par. Nos. [0029] to [0089]; Fig. 1 (Family: none)	5 4, 8-10
Y	JP 2000-183040 A (Canon Inc.), 30 June, 2000 (30.06.00), Par. Nos. [0038] to [0055] (Family: none)	8-10
A	JP 11-045873 A (ULVAC Japan Ltd.), 16 February, 1999 (16.02.99), Full text (Family: none)	1-10
A	JP 2001-110775 A (Akuserisu Technologies Inc.), 20 April, 2001 (20.04.01), Full text & US 2001/0027016 A1	1-10

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The inventions in Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 relate to a plasma processing device in which an opening is made in the inner wall of a chamber positioned generally vertical to the principal plane of a body to be processed and the body to be processed is not installed on the line of direct sight from plasma.

The invention in Claim 3 relates to a plasma processing device in which a connection tube is openably connected to the inner wall of the chamber positioned generally opposite to the principal plane of the body to be processed and the inner wall of the connection tube is formed of a fluorine-containing (continued to extra sheet)

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resin.

The invention in Claim 5 relates to a plasma processing device in which a light shielding body which shields light released from the plasma and allows active species released from the plasma to pass therethrough is installed between the plasma and the body to be processed.

The inventions in Claims 8-10 relate to an ashing for removing resists in the state of light not substantially radiated to the body to be processed.

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